

## SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

December 8, 2013

11:00 am

Second Sunday of Advent



### Sermon:

“A Provision of Hope”

Dr. Michael Cheuk

### Scripture:

Isaiah 11:1-10

### Anthem:

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

— Distler

**Deacons:** Donna Marshall, Lynda Tweel, Debra Bryant, Don Long, Brad Groff, Jack Averill

**Nursery Workers:** Judy Gough, Shelley Payne, Erin Brown, Mary Jo Hendricks, Katherine Wagoner

**Children's Church:** Jeannette May, Seamore Zhu

**Ushers for December:** Bryan Parsons, Shirley Clark, Jean & John Wood, Sterling Hudson, Sally Chewing

**On-call Nurse:** Sally Chewing



## CBF Global Missions

During the month of December, we will be collecting money for the CBF Global Missions Fund. Our goal is \$5,000. You can use one of the designated envelopes on the backs of the pews for your contribution.

From Uganda to Miami and dozens of places in between, you will find God working and changing lives through CBF ministries. With the CBF Offering, you join God's mission by investing in life-changing ministries of more than 135 CBF field personnel who share Christ with the world's most neglected people.

# The Word

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## A Word from Michael

“Come, Lord Jesus.” Those were the words written by the apostle John in the next to the last verse in the book of Revelation. This phrase is often used in Advent to acknowledge that our world and our lives are incomplete, and we are waiting for the One who will come to fulfill not just our lives, but all of history.

“Come, Lord Jesus,” becomes then an expression of our hope, which in the words of Richard Rohr, is “the patient and trustful willingness to live without closure, without resolution, and still be content and even happy because

our Satisfaction is now at another level, and our Source is beyond ourselves. We are able to trust that he will come again, just as Jesus has come into our past, into our private dilemmas and into our suffering world.” (Richard Rohr, *Preparing for Christmas: Daily Meditations for Advent*)

Rohr also asks: “What expectations and demands of life can you let go of so that you can be more prepared for the coming of Jesus?” Good question to ponder during this week of Advent.

~ Blessings, *Michael*

## Message From the Finance Committee

As we enter this Advent season, we are reminded of the ultimate gift that was given so long ago and is the reason for celebrating Christmas. This is also the season which brings to a close another year at UBC when we review what we have accomplished as a congregation.

Our 2013 budget, out of necessity, reduced the amount of our support for missions both inside and outside UBC as well as the amount of money available for some internal programs. Our year-to-date giving has fallen short of

meeting that budget. However, I am hopeful that all of us will closely examine the real reason for Christmas and that our December contributions will not only close the deficit but also exceed our budget, providing a strong start to 2014.

Please prayerfully consider placing God and his work through UBC at the top of your Christmas gift list. I know I will.

~ *Larry Martin*

Finance Committee Chair

## Letter of Resignation

Dear UBC Family,

I am grateful for the past five and a half years that I have served as the Publications Coordinator and Web Steward at UBC. I have enjoyed working with the staff and serving this congregation.

However, I find myself increasingly craving a more creative environment where I can more fully use my education, skills, and artistic talents. Therefore, I tender my resignation effective Thursday, December 19.

I do plan to continue my attendance and volunteer positions at UBC.

~ Joy to the World, *Sarah Buchanan*

## Service of Remembrance

**Wednesday, December 4  
6:15 pm in Fellowship Hall**

This will be a service to remember our loved ones and to support each other in our pain and loss during this holiday season.

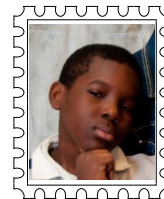
Candles will be lit to acknowledge family and friends, our pain and loss, our worries and struggles, and God's faithfulness in our lives.



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**CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED**

**Extra, Extra Read All About It!**  
**Jubilate to Sing at Lighting of the Lawn**  
 Join us Thursday, December 5, at 8:00 p.m. as Jubilate, UBC's collegiate choir, participates in the 13th annual Lighting of the Lawn to celebrate the holiday season as a University community while embracing the season of giving by supporting the Wounded Warrior Project. The event will be held on the Lawn from 7 to 10 p.m. Jubilate is scheduled to perform at 8:04 p.m.



**Profession of Faith**

We rejoice in the decision made by Kelley Sivley during worship on December 1. She made a profession of faith and requested membership by baptism.



**Special Greetings**

To Betty Bromwell on her 92nd birthday December 6.

To Bob and Ginny German on their 65th wedding anniversary December 10.

**Thank You**

Marvin and I thank everyone for the prayers, cards, meals, and support to us after my recent surgery and recovery. What a blessing UBC is.

— Ruth Key

**Circle Meetings**

The Annie Armstrong Circle will meet Tuesday, December 10, at 12:30 pm at the church. Bring a lunch and join us!

The J.O.Y. Circle will meet Friday, December 13, at 10:30 am at the church.

The Kittie Colvin Trail Circle will meet Friday, December 20, at 6:30 pm at the home of Alice Mahone.

*Pray for families facing extra hardships this time of year due to poor health, unhealthy relationships, finances, and bereavement.*

**Ongoing Activities in December**

- \***Global Missions Post Office** — A way for you to exchange greetings with UBC members and support Global Missions; Located in First Floor Lobby
- \***WMU Christmas shopping** — UBC items on sale 1st Floor Lobby: Cat's Meow building, Christmas ornament, Plate, Cookbook
- \***Christmas Dinner in a Bag** — 1 box stove-top stuffing mix, 1 box instant potatoes, 1 jar gravy, 1 lge. can sweet potatoes, 1 lge. can green beans, 1 can cranberry sauce, 1 box Jiffy pie crust mix, 1 can pie filling
- \***A Quiet Place to Study (AQPTS)** — Need volunteers to help Dec. 8-16
- \***Children's Christmas Shop** — Items due by December 8
- \***Intergenerational Mission Trip** — Registration due mid-December
- \***Shoe collection** — ends December 29
- \***Battle Building Update** — W. Main St. traffic lanes in front of the building reduced to one west-bound lane 6:00 am Fri., Dec. 6, through 12:00 pm Sun., Dec. 8; all access to JPA from 11th St Garage blocked, and plaza between Blake and UBC closed in December

\***PACEM collection items** — foot powder, deodorant, disposable razors, new athletic socks (white, black or gray), word-find puzzle books, batteries (AA & AAA), stamps, envelopes, note pads, soft-side travel bags, adult-size backpacks

**For more info about these activities and a complete Advent/Christmas schedule see THE WORD Nov. 26 or go to [www.universitybaptist.org](http://www.universitybaptist.org).**

**WEDNESDAY, December 4**

- 5:00 Supper (Chili)
- 6:15 Service of Remembrance
- 7:10 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**THURSDAY, December 5**

- 10:30 Women's Prayer Group

**SUNDAY, December 8**

- 9:00 Fellowship
- 9:30 Joyful Servants Bible Study
- Seekers Bible Study
- 9:45 Bible Study
- 11:00 Worship
- 1:00 AQPTS
- 6:00 Real Life

**MONDAY, December 9**

- 1:00 Staff meeting
- AQPTS

**TUESDAY, December 10**

- 9:00 Painting Group
- 1:00 AQPTS
- 6:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry Mtg.

**WEDNESDAY, December 11**

- 1:00 AQPTS
- 5:00 Supper (Pot roast)
- 6:15 Preschool/Children's Christmas Night; Skype conversation with CBF Missionaries
- 7:10 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**Wednesday December 11**

**5:00 pm** Supper — Pot roast, Potatoes, Onions, Carrots, Green Beans  
**6:15 pm** — Skype conversation with overseas CBF Missionaries; Preschool/Children Christmas Night

**THE YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY CLASS WILL NOT MEET SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8.**

*Who is on the stamp? On November 29 Ismael Mounbossy — became a citizen*